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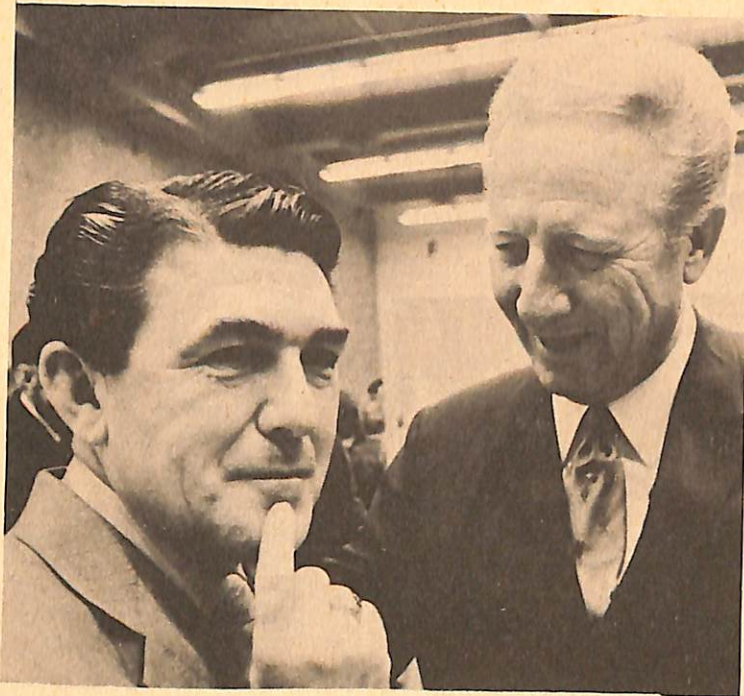
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Newsmakers at Fayetteville

Newsmakers at the 139th annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention in Fayetteville, Nov. 10-12 were, above, from left, John E. Lawrence, elected president; Allen Bailey, Charlotte attorney who made two appearances; Carl Bates, who gave the report of the Committee of 20; and Claud Bowen, outgoing president; below are the other officers, from left, Lamar Brooks, recording secretary; James Bulman, parliamentarian; Tom Freeman, first vice-president; and Carlos Young, second vice-president.



Profiles of Men Serving in Three Top Positions

In recent years, all three of the top offices in the Baptist State Convention have taken on added importance. No

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longer are these positions honorary — if they ever were! The president and two vice-presidents serve as ex-officio members of various committees and are called on often for help in strategic areas of denominational life and affairs.

Following are personality profiles of the three men elected at Fayetteville so RECORDER readers can become more familiar with them. Space does not permit listing of all biographical details.

John Lawrence, President

Born in Scotland Neck, he was educated at Wake Forest College and its law school. In 1939-40, he was a member of the Raleigh law firm of the late U. S. Senator Willis Smith, but a revival in the Hayes Barton Church was instrumental in his call to a Christian vocation. For two years, he was the first state student secretary before entering the U. S. Navy where he was line officer aboard the aircraft carrier *Intrepid* for more than three years. Upon his discharge from service, he entered Southern Seminary and while a student there served as pastor of the Little Flock Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, Ky.

His first pastorate in N. C. was at Sunset Park in Wilmington where he served from 1949-54. From 1954-64, he was pastor at First Church, Shelby,

ED BRANDON, Raleigh layman, presented the report of the Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs.



coming to Forest Hills in Raleigh where he is presently serving. His pastorates have been marked by gains in every phase of the work — evangelism, missions, stewardship and in building programs.

Few men in the state have served their denomination as widely — chairmanship of the Gardner-Webb board of trustees, Mars Hill trustee, member of the SBC Brotherhood Commission for six years, vice-president of the State Convention on four occasions, vice chairman of the General Board and a member of its executive committee. Presently, he is a member of the Home Mission Board and president of the Southern Seminary Alumni (the national body).

Tom Freeman, 1st VP

Born in Hickory, Tom Freeman was ordained by West Hickory Church in 1939. He is a graduate of Mars Hill College, Wake Forest, and Southern Seminary with a Th. M. degree. From 1942-47, he was pastor at Kenly, Pine Level, and Thanksgiving in Johnston County, going to Hocutt Memorial in Burlington in 1947 and serving there until 1958. For four years, 1958-62, he was pastor of the large Middle River Church, Baltimore, Md., but returned to Dunn in 1962 and has served as pastor of First Church there for the past seven years.

His denominational service has been extensive: member of the General Board, director of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, Wake Forest trustee, Campbell College board of advisors, president of the Pastors' Conferences in N. C. and Maryland, member of State Mission Board in Maryland, moderator of the Mount Zion and Little River Associations, president of the Pastor's Conferences in Baltimore, Burlington, and Dunn, and service on Baptist State Convention committees too numerous to name.

Community service has included chairman of the Harnett County Good Neighbor Council and Dunn Bi-racial Committee for three years and author of a newspaper column three times a week for the past seven years.

Carlos Young, 2nd VP

Carlos Young is in the furniture business in Shelby (with his brothers)

but his involvement time in religious and community affairs probably equals or exceeds the time he spends making a living. A deacon and member of First Church, Shelby, he was born in Cleveland County and except for the years spent in service in World War II, has spent his life there. He entered the Army as a private and advanced to major before his discharge, being awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

He is a member of the General Board and its executive committee. In addition, he is a trustee of Southeastern Seminary and the Gardner-Webb College board of advisors. For four years, he was a member of the Cleveland County Welfare Board and in this capacity demonstrated a keen sensitivity to human need. He is immediate past president of the N. C. Mental Health Association and is a director of the National Mental Health Association. Many causes in the Shelby area have had his interest and active support — Red Cross, Salvation Army, March of Dimes, Cancer Society and, Asheville Orthopedic Hospital — all of which he served as an officer or director.

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